



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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P. James Nicholson, Treasurer
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Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02), received
2/12/03

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 7, 11(b), 11(d), 19, 20, 21(b), 21(c), 30, and 31, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "President Visit Promotional Expense" and "Vice Presidents Visit Promotional Expense" on Schedule(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

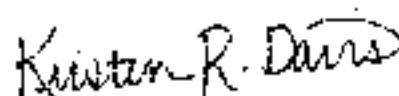
-Please clarify all expenditures for "GOTV -- Phone work." If any of these activities referenced House or Senate candidates, they should be allocated accordingly, unless merely incidental to the overall activity. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of federal candidates, they should be reported on Schedules B, E, or F for Lines 23, 24, or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page, as appropriate.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Casual labor CASUAL LABOR," "Expense Reimbursement CASUAL LABOR," "Consulting CASUAL LABOR," and "General Consulting." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated committees and contributions to federal candidates and committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) A and B, supporting Line(s) 12 and 23, respectively, of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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